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## Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 16, 2003, Applicant respectfully submits a revised "Amendments to the Claims" section of the Amendment filed on December 8, 2003. In the revised "Amendments to the Claims" Applicant now notes that claims 3 - 6 are canceled. These claims were canceled in the Preliminary Amendment filed on July 3, 2001. In the instant application claims 1, 2 and 7 are pending.

Respectfully submitted,

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